



# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Parafia Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa*

### IN POLONIA

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#### PARISH CLERGY

#### DUCHOWIEŃSTWO PARAFIALNE

Father Mark Miller • Pastor.....[fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com](mailto:fr.miller@sacredheartpolonia.com)  
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#### PARISH OFFICE

#### BIURO PARAFIALNA

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00am–3:00pm  
 Friday: 9:00am–1:00pm • Closed on Wednesdays  
 • Please note that the parish office will be closed daily from 11:15-11:45am for lunch.

#### PARISH STAFF

#### PRACOWNICY PARAFII

Administrative Assistant.....Susanna Lepak ext. 100  
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#### CONFESSION

#### SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTA

Thursday: 7:30am–8:00am Friday: 7:30am–8:00am  
 Saturday: 2:45pm–3:45pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

#### ADORATION

#### ADORACJA EUCHARYSTYCZNA

Thursday: 7:00am–8:00am  
 Friday: 7:00am–8:00am at Saint Mary's in Custer  
 First Friday: 8:45am–3:00pm at Saint Mary's in Custer

#### BAPTISM PREPARATION

#### CHRZEST

Please contact the parish to schedule a baptism class and request a date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Parents are encouraged to attend before the birth of their child.

#### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

#### MAŁŻEŃSTWO

Couples requesting the celebration of Marriage should contact the parish at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

#### MSZE ŚWIĘTE

**Monday, April 14** – Holy Monday

**Tuesday, April 15** – Holy Tuesday  
 No Mass—Sacred Heart

**Wednesday, April 16** – Holy Wednesday

8:15am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †Zachery Uher, Christopher Miloch, Nathan Lesinski  
 by Samantha Klish

No Stations of the Cross—Sacred Heart ← Please note

**Thursday, April 17** – Holy Thursday

No Adoration—Sacred Heart  
 No Confessions—Sacred Heart  
 6:30pm Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Regina Gagas by Family

**Friday, April 18** – Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

No Adoration—St. Mary's  
 No Confessions—St. Mary's  
 1:00pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts —Sacred Heart  
*On this day, by a most ancient tradition, the Church does not Celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.*

*Please note: There will be no Stations of the Cross or Divine Mercy Chaplet these devotions can be prayed privately.*

**Saturday, April 19** – Holy Saturday

No Mass—Sacred Heart  
 10:00am Blessing of Easter Baskets (Święconka)—Sacred Heart

*Please note: Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will be held by the front gathering space of the church.*

9:00pm Easter Vigil Mass—Sacred Heart  
 Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Parish Families

**Sunday, April 20** – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am Mass—Sacred Heart  
 †Terry Lepak by Conrad & Delores Lepak  
 10:00am Mass—St. Mary's  
 †John & Troy Bronk by Marlene & Family

**A WORD FROM FATHER**

**SŁOWO OD PASTORA**



*"Let us love the Sacred Heart upon the Cross, since It delights to find in a heart love, silence and suffering."  
— St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

**Dear Parishioners:**

Today is the holiest week of the Liturgical Year. Let's give our best efforts over these next seven days. Christ gave his all for us, pray for each other that we give our best to him in return!

Also, I just wanted to say how pleased and proud I am of our Sacred Heart staff and students for their attentiveness to this Holy Lent. On Fridays they have a little "penance" where they eat lunch in silence. That's a good thing for them to experience. Also, they have weekly lessons/prayers as a school for Lent as well as Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the teachers and students!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**POSŁUGI LITURGICZNE**

**Altar Server**

April 17:	6:30 pm	Jonah, Quinn, Drew & Ben
April 18:	1:00 pm	Andrew, Caleb & Ben
April 19:	9:00 pm	Jonah, Quinn, Caleb & Ben
April 20:	8:00 am	Gavin E., Luke & Jackson

**Hospitality**

April 17:	6:30 pm	Volunteer Ushers
April 18:	1:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
April 19:	9:00 pm	Volunteer Ushers
April 20:	8:00 am	Volunteer Ushers

**Readers**

April 17:	6:30 pm	Tom Glavin
April 18:	1:00 pm	Patt Roberts
April 19:	9:00 pm	Michelle Lewis, Deb Riske & Gary Ross
April 20:	8:00 am	Patt Roberts

**Wellington**

April 17: Carolyn McNamara

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PROŚBY MODLITEWNE**

Let us remember the following in our daily prayers:  
Austin James, Brittany Olivia, JD Wysocki, Dave Grawey, Megan Rose, Jennifer Lepak, Agnes Milanowski, Ernie Kurszewski, Jerry Lepak, Theresa Pliska, Vanessa Lawson, Randy Schulist, Dorothy Gagas, Frank Kurszewski, Ronald Trzebiatowski, Newton Family, Gail Tepp, Rhody Bushman, Leonard Schulist, Bruce & Patt Roberts, Taylor Groshek, Betty Kowalski, Karen Liebe, Kenny Rozek, Ruth Printz

*If you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office. Always be sure you have permission to add someone's name.*

**ANointing OF THE SICK**

**NAMASZCZENIE CHRYCH**

Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long time should receive the Sacraments. Please call the parish to make arrangements or to schedule a non-emergency visit for those who are sick or homebound.

**LAST WEEK'S PARISH SUPPORT**

**DAROWIZNY**

Adults: \$4,958  
Loose: \$213  
Youth: \$13  
Total: \$5,184  
Vigil Lights: \$151  
Easter Flowers: \$1,237  
Boiler Fund: \$1,045  
Renovation Fund: \$100

Apr Budget: \$28,465  
Apr to Date: \$ 5,184

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."* -Hebrews 13:16



Scrip: \$4,365 | \$169

**Automated Giving Program:** Parishioners have the option to enroll in Direct Payments (ACH debits) as a means of sharing your financial gifts. Additional details are on the Authorization Agreement form available on our website: [www.sacredheartpolonia.com](http://www.sacredheartpolonia.com).

"For we are co-workers; you are God's field, God's building."  
1 Corinthians 3:9  
[DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER](http://DIOLC.ORG/COWORKER)

GOAL	\$52,150
PLEGGED AND RECEIVED	\$39,538 (76%)
# OF DONORS	122

**SACRED HEART NEWS • OGŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE**

**Thank you,** Maycie Ostrowski for your wonderful singing talent and accompanying Mrs. Eron during last week's 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. All youth aged 7 and up are invited to the next youth choir opportunity, which will take place on May 3rd at the 4:00pm anticipatory Mass. If you are interested, please come at 3:45pm. Every voice is welcome! *Also, remember Masses will be held in the church basement due to the parish renovation.*



**Message from Mother Vivian.** I wish to give you an update about the MSDI sisters arrival in Polonia. I will be arriving on Tuesday, April 15th, and three of my sisters, Sr. Mary-Justina, Sr. Mary-Philomena, and Sr. Rosemary, will be arriving on Wednesday, April 16th. The three of them are trained teachers and will be teaching at Pacelli Catholic Schools while helping at our convent and parish as needed. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and prayers.

*~ Yours in Divine Image, Sr. Ugochi Vivian Ozurumba*

**PICNIC NEWS**

**WIADOMOŚCI PIKNIK**

**Picnic Prize Shopping.** Every year Sacred Heart has received fabulous prizes and donations for all our events. This year is different in that prizes and donations cannot be brought to the basement because of the renovation. We are asking if you do purchase prizes to keep them at home temporarily until space can be designated for them. ~Thank you

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15th, at 10:30am, at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral in La Crosse. Please consider attending! **Please note there will be no morning Mass at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, April 15th. Father Miller will be in La Crosse.**

**The schedule for Sacred Triduum and Easter Masses**



- ▶ Holy Thursday: Mass at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart—*Father will be having silent adoration until 10:00pm after Mass.*
- ▶ Good Friday: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 1:00pm at Sacred Heart.
- ▶ Holy Saturday: 10:00 am Blessing of Easter baskets (święconka)
- ▶ Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00pm at Sacred Heart
- ▶ Easter Sunday: Mass at 8:00am at Sacred Heart. Mass at 10:00am at St. Mary's I.C.

**Please note that there will be NO morning daily Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday as no other Masses are allowed other than those of the Sacred Paschal Triduum.**

**Reminder.** The parish office will be closed Good Friday, April 18th, and Easter Monday, April 21st. Also, Father Miller will not be here on Tuesday, April 22nd so there will be no daily Mass at Sacred Heart.

**Flame of Love Holy Hour.** We meet to pray a special Rosary and prayers the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm, in the church at Sacred Heart. The **Flame of Love** is a powerful Movement of Grace that Our Lord requested to be spread throughout the world. Please join us and discover the powerful promises of the **Flame of Love!** Everyone is welcome. Please use the handicap entrance.



**Looking Ahead.** Starting the week of April 28th to May 3rd, Father Miller will be away on retreat. Morning Masses, adoration, and confession will not be held at Sacred Heart or St. Mary's during these days. Any scheduled Mass intentions will be offered at Father Miller's private Masses. On Saturday, May 3rd, Father Miller will be back to celebrate Mass at 4:00pm and hear confessions at 2:45pm. For any emergencies for that week, please call the parish office and we will contact a priest for you.

**Parish Council update.** I would like to thank Dennis McNamara and Michelle Mlodik for serving on our Parish Council the past several years. *Per the Diocesan Norms for Parish Councils, members can serve a two-year term, which can be renewed twice, must be at least 18 years old, have completed all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist), must be a Catholic in good standing, and may not have served on the Council previously.* Both Dennis' and Michelle's terms have expired. Their departure leaves an opening for (2) new members. We will be collecting Parish Council nominations after the weekend Masses on May 3rd/4th. At that time, you will have an opportunity to nominate one or two parishioners to serve on the Parish Council. IF these parishioners accept their nomination, their name(s) will be placed on the upcoming May 31st/June 1st Parish Council election ballot. Nominations for Parish Council will be accepted until Friday, May 16th. Deacon Jim, Todd Kramer, and Judy Wroblewski will continue to serve on the Parish Council for the upcoming year and should not be nominated. Please prayerfully start to consider who you would like to nominate, keeping in mind that any person who is nominated will need to accept their nomination before their name would be added to the May 31st/June 1st election ballot.

~Fr. Miller



**PCCW Silent Diaper Drive.** In previous years, PCCW held a diaper drive with donation baskets at all the entrances. The diapers were then distributed to several Sacred Heart families, Rosholt Food Pantry, Operation Bootstrap, and First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center. It started on Easter Sunday and concluded on Mother's Day. This year because of the renovation starting, space is very limited. This year we will have a silent diaper drive. You can drop off monetary contributions for diapers at the parish office or put them in the collection baskets. Checks should be made out to Sacred Heart PCCW. After that, the PCCW will buy diapers with Scrip cards using the donation funds. Any amount donated is greatly appreciated.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

**WIECZNA LAMPKA**



The Church prescribes that the sanctuary lamp should shine permanently near the tabernacle in the church. By it, the faithful are reminded of the presence of Christ and the light itself is a profession of their love and affection. This week, the sanctuary lamp burns in memory of:

**Loretta Klesmit**

**SCHOOL NEWS • WIADOMOŚCI SZKOLNE**



**Support Sacred Heart School** by ordering from Papa Murphy's (Main St. location only) on Wednesday, April 23rd all day. Papa Murphy's will donate 20% of the sales. Thank you for your support! \*Please note Papa Murphy's store hours are from 10:00am—7:00pm.



**PARISH MEETINGS**

**SPOTKANIA PARAFIALNE**



**PCCW.** Monday, April 14th @ 1:00pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**Picnic Committee Meeting.** Tuesday, April 29th @ 6:30pm—Sacred Heart Parish Hall.

**Please note.** Wednesday night classes will not be in session during Holy Week. Religious Ed classes will resume on Wednesday, April 23rd.

**Reminders:**

- ▶ Saturday, April 26th at 4:00pm—First Communion Mass
  - ▶ Wednesday, April 30th at 6:15pm—Closing Mass
- Father Arturo Viguera will be at Sacred Heart to celebrate Mass with the Religious Ed students, teachers, and parents.*



**Works of Mercy – Cancer Treatment Care Packages.**

During this past winter, our parish's 8th Grade Religious Education class read about the seven Spiritual Works of Mercy (helping with spiritual needs) and the seven Corporal Works of Mercy (helping with needs of the body). Our class chose to make two care packages for cancer patients to learn about these works of mercy in a more hands-on way than simply reading about them. Local cancer treatment staff offered advice on what these care packages should include, and the recommended items were gathered together. Since blankets are commonly used for warmth when cancer treatment is being administered, the students made two "tie-blankets" and ended the class with a prayer for whoever may receive them.

These care packages were funded through an anonymous donor and are intended to be given to those who may benefit from them. The care packages will be displayed near the church's main entrance until the end of Easter Sunday Mass. One of the two care packages that have been made will be presented to the Aspirus Cancer Care staff to be given to a newly diagnosed cancer patient. In contrast, the other care package will be given to a recipient that our parishioners suggest. If you know someone who is receiving treatment for cancer and they could benefit from the care package, submit your name and number at the display near the entrance of the church for a chance to be selected in a random drawing. If your name is selected, you will be contacted, and arrangements will be made for the care package to be delivered to the recipient on your behalf. Thank you for considering participating in this Works of Mercy project.

*8th Grade Religious Education Class: Ava Dombrowski, Luke Eron, Emily Gagas, Sophia Gagas, Ashlyn Kunst, Cameron Sankey, Violet Zaborowski, and Kent Lepak—Teacher*



**"That Man Is You"** is every Tuesday starting with breakfast at 6:00am, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion, ending at 7:30am. Come to one meeting...or several. It's never too late!



**Gazebo/Convent Gift Shop.** Are you looking for a First Communion dress? The Polonia Convent gift shop has some in stock. Please leave a message at 715-592-4213. We'll give you a call back to arrange a time for you to visit and view the dresses, which are made in Wisconsin by a local Catholic dressmaker. Additionally, as long as the sidewalk is free of snow, the Gazebo gift shop is open from dawn until dusk. Polish Easter cards available for a few weeks. Enjoy browsing!

**Community Sedar Meal** on Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30pm. St. Joseph Family Center, Stevens Point. RSVP by April 14th call parish office 715-341-1617 or Leo & Janet Jacoby 715-341-2790 or visit [www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sedar](http://www.pointcatholicfaith.org/sedar).

Come and mourn with me awhile.

**TENEBRAE**  
A Prayer Service of Sacred Music and Readings  
*Inspired by the Traditional Offices of Tenebrae*

*Featuring the choirs and musicians of*

Sacred Heart Polonia	Ss. Peter and Paul Wisconsin Rapids	St. Peter Stevens Point
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Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025  
7:00 PM

Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
1150 2nd Street North - Wisconsin Rapids

**First Choice PRC Walk for Life.** The Parker Family will be collecting your pledges and donations each weekend after Masses, April 12th-27th. Catholic families from all of the Catholic Churches in the Stevens Point, Marshfield, and Wisconsin Rapids areas all walk as part of the St Gianna Walkers for Life, and First Choice is counting on a strong showing from the St Gianna Walkers team again this year! Please help our local pregnancy resource center through your donations so that they can continue to provide loving, faith-filled care to mothers and fathers in unexpected circumstances! We accept cash, checks, or pledges to be billed later! We appreciate your generosity and support!! God Bless You - the Parkers online pledges can be made at: <https://page.fundeasy.com/7175552>

**An Evening for the Separated and Divorced|April 22, 2025|Live on Zoom.** If you or someone you know is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, we invite you to a special free online event offering hope, healing, and encouragement. The Archdiocese of Atlanta Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, Witness to Marriage, and Abounding Joy Ministry are hosting this event from 7:00 – 8:30 PM (EDT). This will be live on Zoom to register go to [www.aboundingjoyministry.com/event-details/an-evening-for-the-separated-divorced-4](http://www.aboundingjoyministry.com/event-details/an-evening-for-the-separated-divorced-4)

**POLONIA PARK EASTER EGG HUNT. SAVE THE DATE - SAT, APRIL 19th, 2025.** Attention all egg hunters 10 years old and younger. The event begins at noon & egg hunt at 1:00pm at the Polonia Park. Bring your own chair. Food & beverages for sale. Don't miss the basket raffles! All proceeds benefit the park.

**25th Anniversary** of the Official Proclamation of  
Divine Mercy Sunday

*In*

*The Jubilee Year of Hope*



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS  
SACRED HEART PARISH,  
POLONIA**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Friday, April 18 - Saturday, April 26, 2025

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

April 27, 2025

**8:00am: Holy Sacrifice of Mass**

**9:00am – 3:30pm: Adoration with Holy Hours**

**2:00pm Presentation by Fr. Steven Weller, Chaplain  
and Associate Pastor, WI Rapids**

**12:00pm – 3:00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**3:00pm: Divine Mercy hour/chaplet, procession of the  
Blessed Sacrament with Benediction.**

**4:00pm: HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**THE HOLY MASS WILL BE OFFERED AT 4:00PM AFTER CONFESSION  
SO THAT “THE SOUL THAT WILL GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE  
HOLY COMMUNION IN A STATE OF GRACE ON THIS DAY SHALL  
OBTAIN COMPLETE FORGIVENESS OF ALL SINS AND PUNISHMENT”**



# Mercy

## The Word that Describes God's Heart

The Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Sunday after Easter, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. This is a fitting time to focus on God's forgiving love, the mercy poured out through the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, including the mercy He shows each one of us in ways too numerous to count.

Mercy means God's Heart desiring to alleviate our misery caused by personal sin. The "Good News" is that Jesus is the Divine Physician who came to heal the sickness of sin. As we receive His forgiveness, we are compelled by this love to **trust** Jesus and avoid sin in the future. The word trust is significant as it is a key aspect of the Divine Mercy message from Jesus. Trust is not blind, wishful thinking but **hope** based upon the Person who gave His life for us. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to go after the one lost sheep. He is grieved – heartsick – until He finds this sheep, and then lifts it upon His shoulders and carries it home. This describes Jesus' personal love for each of us.

Trust starts small and grows through experience. We practice and live trust on a daily basis "by praising and thanking God in all things." (Consoling the Heart of Jesus, Fr. Michael Gaitley, p. 95)

This is the place to begin in our desire to trust Jesus.

The merciful love of God is the central theme of the Bible and it is prevalent in the readings for Mass. The Psalm prayed for Divine Mercy Sunday puts words around the Lord's merciful love and what it means to trust Him. "I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and He has been my Savior" (Psalm 118:13-15). We can ask Jesus to help us trust Him, especially when we are "hard pressed" and "falling".

The Gospel describes the Risen Christ instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a "Sacrament of Mercy," as He breathes on the Apostles and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20; 22-23).

Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina, a Polish nun, messages about God's mercy and how much we need it. "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy." "My mercy is greater than your sins, and those of the entire world. I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come then with trust to draw graces from this fountain." (Diary, 300,1485)

The greatest attribute of God is His mercy. This is most evidently seen as we gaze upon the Crucifix, where Jesus takes upon Himself our sins that we might be freed from them and know His peace and joy.

This fountain of mercy is most especially received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation where we experience forgiveness and healing in a tangible way. Jesus said, "When you go to confession, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy.... and I fill it with My light." (1602, 1725)

Set aside time for you and your family to receive the immense healing grace of making a good confession and receiving forgiveness. The Lord will bless you with *His* peace.

The simple **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** can be prayed anytime, but it is especially encouraged at the Hour of Mercy, which is 3:00PM - the hour of Jesus' death - or when someone is near death. The **Novena to Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday**. Find directions and the brief prayers for the Novena at the parish or visit [thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org).

By Ann Lankford